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1. Patent Abstracts of Japan , Vol. 2002, No. 11, November 6, 2002 (corresponds to JP 2002-194134 A, published July 10, 2002 to Nitto Denko Corporation).
2. EP 1 236 759 A, published September 4, 2002 to Nitto Denko Corporation.
3. U.S. Patent No. 6,416,905 B1 issued July 9, 2002 to Bronstert et al.
4. WO 02/21629 A1, published March 14, 2002 to Bridgestone Corporation.
5. WO 01/86746 A1, published November 15, 2001 to Bridgestone Corporation.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patent 6,416,905 B1.

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